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Title: METHODS FOR INACTIVATING PATHOGENS IN A BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2002 (Paper No. 23). Applicant petition for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 50, 63-72 and 74 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend and add claims as follows:

43. (Twice amended) A method of inactivating microorganisms and pyrogens present in a biological material comprising: